

have every reason to believe that the record catches of this important finfish will continue in the future.

All of us here are keenly aware that we will have accomplished nothing by increasing the yield in marine resources if we fail to create a market for our products. In marketing, too, we consider it to be a joint responsibility of government and the industry. Government agencies — and in particular the Natural Resources Institute of the University of Maryland and the Department of Economic Development — are heavily involved in a program to promote the consumptions of the many delicacies that the Bay and other tidal waters produce. Constant attention is being given to improving the quality of our seafood and improving the processing and handling of the products. To be sure, this Association is playing a vital role in the development of a good market — in the creation of new and better products, in the improvement of processing and packaging, in stimulating the consumption of the products. Your organization, therefore, is a most important segment of our overall plans for the expansion and improvement of our fisheries industry. Your State government, I can assure you, will continue to assist you in this purpose.

I have noted that on the face of the program for this dinner the question is asked: "Are you getting all of the livelihood out of the seafood industry that it is capable of providing?" I believe you all will agree with me that the answer to that question is a simple "no." It is our responsibility — the responsibility of government and the industry alike — to develop the industry to its full potentiality.

As your Governor, I commend you for the courageous efforts you are making to breathe new life into this important segment of our economy, and I pledge to you that your State government will continue to support you in this laudable undertaking.

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